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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MEETING
AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

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1. ON FEBRUARY 26 AND 27 WE HAD OCCASION IN SEPARATE TALKS
TO CONVEY THE POINTS IN REFTEL TO VANDEN ABEELE, SIMONET'S
DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET IN CHARGE OF ENERGY MATTERS; HANNAY,
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SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET (SOAMES IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND

THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING); AND NOEL, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMISSION.

2. WITH ALL THREE WE INDICATED OUR HOPE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE US POSITION ON THIS MATTER AT THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS IN PARIS MARCH 6 AND 7. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING CLOSELY THE FACT THAT THE US IS PROPOSING A MINISTERIAL MEETING.

3. VANDEN ABELLE TOOK NOTE OF OUR POSITION AND UNDERTOOK TO CHECK WITH SIMONET ON FEBRUARY 27 WHEN HE RETURNED FROM HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. WE INDICATED THAT WE DID NOT YET KNOW WHETHER THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED WITH SIMONET IN WASHINGTON. (SIMONET WAS ILL AT HOME ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WE HAVE HAD NO REACTION FROM HIM YET.)

4. BOTH HANNAY AND NOEL REACTED SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL. EACH COMMENTED THAT A MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENERGY IN PARIS TO WHICH THE FRENCH WERE NOT INVITED WOULD INEVITABLY RAISE SOME AWKWARD QUESTIONS. THEY BOTH RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT THE IEA TO DESIST FROM TRANSACTING ITS PROPER BUSINESS -- IF NECESSARY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THEY BOTH VOLUNTERED THAT THE FRENCH WOULD HAVE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLAINING SINCE THEY (A) ENCOURAGED THE IEA TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE OECD, AND (B) DECIDED NOT TO JOIN THE IEA.

5. ON FEBRUARY 28 HANNAY SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAD NOT YET FOCUSED SUBSTANTIVELY ON THE US PROPOSAL AND THERE WAS CONSEQUENTLY NO CONSIDERED COMMISSION REACTION. HIS PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY WANT TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE IN THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NOT CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR THE US ON THIS MATTER BUT NOT GETTING OUT FRONT OF THE EC GOVERNMENTS EITHER. MYERSON

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